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THE OTHER FELLOW

We will grant at the outset that he may not be as interesting a character as "Yours truly" and his immediate family. I believe that there is an old adage which we have never questioned the truth of, viz: "Every Mother's goose is a swan." That is, we have never questioned the truth of it as applied to our own children. We have, probably, as applied to our neighbor's children. An old lady once said to me in regard to a certain friend, "She is the most interesting person to talk to that I know." I repeated the remark to the person in question, thinking to pass along a great compliment, but received only a smile in return accompanied with the quiet rejoinder, "That is amusing, for I never have to say anything but yes and no, when I am talking with her. All the rest of the time I simply look interested and let her ramble on about herself and her past experiences."

And if we stop and analyze the situation, we will all have to plead guilty to being much more interested in ourselves and our immediate families than in anything else. In fact, the most of us, like the old lady just mentioned, derive more solid comfort from talking about ourselves and our own problems than from listening to someone else discuss himself and his problems. Indeed the most of us do not consider the problems of the other fellow really worth considering at all.

The time has come, however, this week, for the citizens of Alma to stop and consider seriously the problems confronting an important institution of the city. We have all become so accustomed to the presence of the College upon the hill and its various activities, that we are inclined to take it as a matter of course and to pay little attention to the advantages which such an institution offers continually to all the people in the city who care to benefit from them. Many good things in the line of entertainments, lectures and other similar features, are constantly being offered to the public, and too often the public in general does not take time to realize the value of these things, or to benefit from them as it should. The cultural value to the city from this source alone is not small by any means and far too few people reap the benefit that they might, because they are too greatly interested in something else.

Alma College has great possibilities ahead of it if it can obtain the necessary financial support that will enable it to expand and improve its equipment. What benefits the College, must in great measure benefit the town. What benefits the town will benefit the citizens of the town both directly and indirectly.

Let's think of the other fellow's problems this week and do all that we can to help boost in this campaign. Let's recognize that the other fellow's problems this week and do all that we can to boost in this campaign. Let's recognize that the other fellow, in this instance, is worth considering even if we must for the moment forget ourselves.

It is a good thing that housecleaning time comes at least once a year. And with housecleaning time comes yard cleaning time and fruit grafting time and garden planting time, and the time for setting out shrubbery and trees and flowers in our dooryards, etc. Whatever we can do to make our homes more sanitary, more inviting, more beautiful, more artistic, we should do not only once a year, but all the time. A flower bed or two filled with thrifty blooming plants, and a few shrubs or trees or vines in our dooryards help much to make our homes attractive and at the same time add much to the value of our property to say nothing of beautifying the town in general. And they cost very little either in money expended or in time or labor if we do a small amount at a time and take care of what we have. Next week is clean up week. Let's all take advantage of the suggestion implied in the name and fix up just as much as we can so that our city will be this summer a real city beautiful because all of our homes are attractive both outside and in.

Five Minute Chats on Our Presidents

By JAMES MORGAN

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A BACHELOR PRESIDENT

1791—April 23, James Buchanan born in Franklin county, Pa.
1815-16—Member of the legislature.
1819—Tragic death of his betrothed, Annie C. Coleman.
1821-31—Member of congress.
1832-34—Minister to Russia.
1834-45—Senator.
1845-49—Secretary of state.
1853-56—Minister to Great Britain.
1856—Democratic nominee for president.

JAMES BUCHANAN was the last president to wear a necktie. A stock, as Monroe was the last to wear knee-breeches—and he was the last of an era. An age passed away as he passed out of the White House. After Buchanan's birth at a Pennsylvania log cabin, his father, who was an Irish immigrant, prospered as a country storekeeper and was able to send his son to college. But the college sent him back as a wild spirit that it could not tame. The pastor of the scandalized family begged and obtained a chance for the wayward youth, who improved it so well that he was graduated first in his class. Nevertheless, the still unforgiving faculty denied him the honors of his rank. This would be but a dull story of law and politics were it not for a single tragic episode which cast a shadow over the whole after life of our bachelor president, the only president to die a bachelor. A young woman, to whom Buchanan was engaged in an early manhood, a daughter of the wealthiest family in the county, wrote him a letter of dismissal under the spell of a jealousy which had been aroused by gossip. Pride on both



James Buchanan.

sides kept the two apart until their separation was made irrevocable by her sudden death—probably by suicide. In grief and horror, the young lover wrote to the father of the dead girl, begging the privilege of looking upon her remains and of following them to the grave. But the letter was returned to him unopened.

Four and forty years passed, and Buchanan went to his grave without ever having taken any other woman to his heart. When his executors opened the papers, which the aged ex-president had left in a bank vault, they found among them a little packet of treasured love letters from his sweetheart of long ago. But in accordance with the request written on the outside, those faded mementoes of his only love were burned without breaking the seal on them.

Buchanan was by no means a crabbed old bachelor. He remained always most courteously attentive to women, though with a perfect impartiality. Nor did he keep bachelor's hall. At Wheatland, his country place near Lancaster, Pa., he brought up, from early childhood, the orphaned son of one of his sisters and the orphaned daughter of another, who became, as Miss Harriet Lane, one of the most admired mistresses of the White House.

After Buchanan had risen to top rank at the Pennsylvania bar, with a practice that brought him as much as \$12,000 in a year, he entered politics. Starting as a Federalist, he became a Democrat only at the death of the party of his first choice. He was elected to the legislature and to congress; was thrice elected to the senate; served as minister to Russia and Great Britain and was secretary of state in Polk's cabinet.

For 20 years an unsuccessful candidate for the presidential nomination, the veteran politician had all but given up hope when at last it came to him unsought in 1856 on his return from a long absence as American minister in London. As he accepted it, he sighed that the honor had been denied him until he was too old to enjoy it, "when all the friends I loved and wanted to reward are dead and all the enemies I hated and had marked for punishment are turned my friends."

The Story of Our States

By JONATHAN BRACE XXVII.—FLORIDA



FLORIDA was considered America's first health resort. It was the search for a mythical

Fountain of Perpetual Youth that led Ponce de Leon, the Spanish explorer, to land near the present site of St. Augustine. His rediscovery of Florida in 1513 was on Easter Sunday, hence the name, which is from Pascua Florida or Flowery Passover, which is the Spanish for Easter Sunday.

The French were the next settlers, founding a colony on the St. John's river. Spain promptly took action to maintain her ownership of this region and sent over an expedition which erected a fort under the leadership of Menendez at St. Augustine in 1565 and exterminated the Huguenot colony. St. Augustine is the oldest city in the United States. There followed a period of hostility between the English colonists in the Carolinas and the Spanish in Florida. By the treaty of 1763 Spain ceded Florida to England in exchange for Havana, which England had captured a few years previous. It remained an English colony until the last years of the Revolution when Spain recaptured it.

There were two provinces, East and West Florida. As the Spanish ruled Florida with a very loose form of government, this region became the refuge of pirates, smugglers and lawless characters. Such an element together with the unruly Seminole Indians naturally caused a great deal of trouble. To overcome this, President Monroe purchased Florida from Spain in 1819 for \$5,000,000 or about eleven cents an acre. It was organized into a territory and in 1845 was admitted to the Union.

Florida is sometimes called the Everglade State on account of the vast swamp-land in its southern part. It is also known as the Peninsula State and is the southernmost State of the Union. Its area is 53,960 square miles. (© by McClure Newspaper Syndicate.)

Fresh cottage cheese ready for the table at the Wolverine Dairy.—adv lw

SOLDIERS' LIST

Further Corrections in Lists Are Being Made.

From various parts of the county attention has been called to corrections that should be made in the list of ex-service men published in the bulletin recently issued by Alma College.

Helen Kennett, of Ithaca, points out that the name Herbert Kennett should be Herbert Kennett.

Mrs. Ernest Smith, of rural route No. 1 of St. Louis, writes that her brother, Edward E. Kihan, of Perrinton, has been omitted from the list. Another omission is the name of Walter G. Wiles, who enlisted at Ithaca and saw service at Chateau Thierry, and at Soissons.

J. L. Richard of Perrinton, writes that the name of Elmer Feeler should be Elmer Fesler. He also says that instead of J. Leland Anger, as the name appeared upon the published list, it should be J. Leland Agnew. Other corrections are: Alton Beach instead of Allen Beach; Carl Siebert instead of Carl Sibert; Paul Strodes instead of Paul Strodes; Cecil Pressley instead of Cecil Pressley; Clarence Grusebeck instead of Clarence Grusback.

Among the names omitted was that of the Rev. John A. Mulvey, who served as chaplain in the 85th and 32nd Divisions. Other names omitted from the list were: Edward Mahr of Alma; Emory E. Freeman, of Ithaca; Allen Hooper of Alma; Burt Wasson, of Ithaca; Robert Sawyer of Ithaca.

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TRUCKEY WITH ACES
Saginaw, Mich., April 6 (Special)—Ed. Truckey, former Republic Truck hurler, has been signed by the Saginaw Aces and is expected to report to Manager "Red" McKee on April 15, when the Saginaw squad is due to arrive here for spring practice. Another former Republic star, "Buck" Freeman, is on the Saginaw list, and is expected to sign soon.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many Alma friends for their kind words of sympathy and also for the beautiful floral offerings during our recent sad bereavement.

William Parnell and daughter, Elma.

Alma High School re-opened today following the spring vacation. The attendance was about normal, few students failing to be back this morning.

Monday's tabulation of subscriptions should have reported Professor Notestein's as \$500 instead of \$300.

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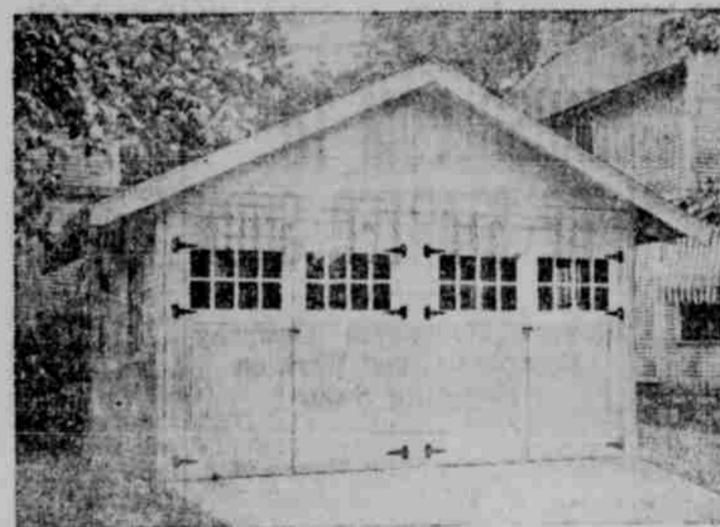
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